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HELSINKI FOR USDEL MPT

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. IN MARCH 30 CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL, NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR VAN LYNDEN FOCUSSED ON MBFR- CSCE RELATIONSHIP AND ON CSCE TIMETABLE, BUT MADE NO SPECIFIC DEMARCHE. HE REITERATED DUTCH BELIEF THAT CSCE TALKS CAN PROVIDE LEVERAGE ON VIENNA MBFR DISCUSSIONS AND CONCERN FELT IN THE HAGUE THAT HURRYING PACE AT HELSINKI WILL LEAD ALLIES TO MAKE UNWARRANTED CONCESSIONS. HE CONCLUDED THAT NETHERLANDS IS NOT ADVERSE TO POSTPONING INITIAL CSCE MINISTERIAL TO SEPT. HE ALLUDED AS WELL TO CONCERN IN THE
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HAQUE THAT US EMPHASIS ON MBFR COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT RESULTS OF CSCE AND TO DUTCH INTEREST IN OVERLAPPING OF MBFR AND CSCE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. STOESEL NOTED THAT MPT HAS PROGRESSED REASONABLY WELL AND POINTED WITH SATISFACTION TO CLOSE ALLIED CONSULTATIONS ON CSCE MATTERS. WHILE WE DO NOT VIEW CSCE AS AN END IN ITSELF OR LIKELY TO BRING BASIC CHANGES IN EAST- WEST RELATIONSHIPS, OUR INTEREST IN CSCE IS SERIOUS AND GENUINE. WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT ALLIES WILL MAINTAIN WORK PROGRAM AT MPT THAT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO AIM FOR INITIAL CSCE

MINISTERIAL IN LATE JUNE. PROLONGATION OF APRIL RECESS WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL AND WE ENVISION REASONABLY LENGTHY ROUND 4 OF MPT TO HANDLE REMAINING ISSUES.

3. ON MBFR/ CSCE RELATIONSHIP, STOESEL RESPONDED THAT WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT CSCE IS INAPPROPRIATE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF MILITARY ISSUES BEYOND CBM'S, ALTHOUGH WE WOULD PROBABLY BE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH SOME VERY GENERAL CSCE LANGUAGE TAKING NOTE OF ONGOING DISARMAMENT EFFORTS. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT IN OUR VIEW TO HOLD TO SEPT/ OCT. OPENING DATE FOR MBFR, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF OUR DOMESTIC DEBATE ON US TROOP LEVELS IN EUROPE. ASSUMING BRIEF INITIAL CSCE MINISTERIAL AT END OF JUNE, 2 ND STAGE OF CSCE (COMMITTEES) MIGHT BEGIN IN JULY, BREAK FOR EUROPEAN AUGUST HOLIDAYS, AND CONTINUE INTO THE FALL, THUS OVERLAPPING WITH MBFR.

4. VAN LYNDEN CATEGORIZED QUESTION OF TREATMENT OF " INVIOABILITY OF FRONTIERS" IN MANDATE FOR CSCE DISCUSSION OF PRINCIPLES OF INTER- STATE RELATIONSHIPS AS PROBABLY SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE AT MPT, AND CAUTIONED AGAINST CONCEDING TO THE SOVIET VIEW. ASSISTANT SECRETARY NOTED IMPORTANCE ALSO FOR US OF TREATING INVIOABILITY IN CONTEXT OF NON- USE OF FORCE, BUT EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ACCEPT- ABLE LANGUAGE COULD BE FOUND FOR THE MANDATE.

5. ON MBFR, VAN LYNDEN NOTED FAVORABLY THE CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP IN VIENNA BETWEEN AMBASSADOR QUARLES AND USREP DEAN. HE TOOK QUARLES' BELIEF THAT SOVIETS ARE SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN MBFR AS INDICATION THAT FORMULA
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COULD BE WORKED OUT ON HUNGARIAN PARTICIPATION. ASSISTANT

SECRETARY SAID WE SHARED THIS IMPRESSION, ADDING THAT WE
ARE NOT PREPARED TO SEE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS COLLAPSE OVER
THE HUNGARIAN QUESTION. IT STILL MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO
RESOLVE THE IMPASSE BY A FORMULA FOR HOLDING THE QUESTION
IN ABEYANCE; HOWEVER, WE REMAIN PREPARED AS ULTIMATE
FALLBACK TO SEE HUNGARY TREATED AS A SPECIAL PARTICIPANT.
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